

The Southern Area Multi-Agency Coordinating (SAMAC) Group members have been delegated authority by their respective agency directors to manage wildland fire operations and “all-hazard” incidents on a Geographic Area scope when fire management resource shortages are probable. The SAMAC will be activated when the Geographic Area Preparedness Level is at a 3 or above.

The delegated authorities include:

Establish priorities of fire and ‘all-hazard’ management activities

Direct, control and allocate regional and national resources within the Southern Area

Implement decisions of the NMAC/ SACG

Develop geographic area strategies, including safety, risk management, and contingency plans.

Provide financial management coordination and oversight

Provide for internal and external communication protocols

The SAMAC consists of one representative from the following agencies:

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